

THE HONORABLE JAMES L. ROBERT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	No. CR19-230 JLR
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED
)	MOTION TO PROCEED WITH
SHANNON MCCALL,)	GUILTY PLEA BY VIDEO OR
)	TELEPHONIC HEARING
Defendants.)	
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THE COURT has considered Shannon McCall's stipulated motion to proceed with guilty plea hearing by video or telephonic hearing, along with all the records and files in this case.

THE COURT FINDS that a video or telephonic guilty plea hearing should take place as soon as practical because further delays in this case would cause "serious harm to the interests of justice." See General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20). Specifically, Ms. McCall was indicted on November 7, 2019, and, after a defense request for a continuance, her trial was scheduled for June 22, 2020. Dkt. 33. Her trial date was vacated when COVID-19 pandemic required closure of the Seattle and Tacoma courthouses. See Dkt. 44, 46, 49. Per General Order No. 14-20 (9/1/20), the courthouses will remain closed through at least October 5, 2020. During

1 this period of delay, Ms. McCall has been subject to the terms of an appearance bond, under
2 the supervision of a third-party custodian. ECF 22. Ms. McCall seeks to resolve this matter
3 expeditiously, in part to mitigate the stress associated with pending criminal charges and
4 uncertain outcomes.

5 THE COURT ORDERS that a guilty plea hearing be scheduled by video conference.
6 The parties are directed to contact the magistrate clerks to schedule the videoconference plea
7 hearing.
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9 DATED this 1st of September, 2020.
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12 The Honorable James L. Robart
13 United States District Judge
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